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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Jun-ichi MATSUDA

Title: DEVICE INFORMATION  
ACQUISITION METHOD,  
DEVICE CONTROLLER, AND  
BRIDGE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 15, line 5, delete "any one of claims 1 to 14" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 16, line 7, delete "any one of claims 1 to 14" and insert --claim 1--.